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On November 2, Vasilis Philippou, a first secretary in the Cypriot Foreign Ministry's Multilateral Affairs division, informed the Embassy that the RoC had decided, after careful analysis (Refs B, C), to support the U.S. candidacy for an "A Category" seat in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) council. Philippou restated his earlier request that the USG give Cyprus's candidacy for a "C Category" slot full consideration.

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